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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

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Please amend claims 1 and 4 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) An interlocking component assembly comprising:  
a plurality of frame components including a top frame component, a bottom frame component and side frame components;  
a plurality of panels, each panel formed integrally with a respective frame component, each of said plurality of frame components extending about [[the]] an entire periphery of [[the]] a respective panel to form a frame and panel component; and  
means for interconnecting a plurality of assembled frame and panel components, said interconnecting means comprising a U-shaped channel formed along the entire periphery of each of the plurality of frame components, wherein during assembly the channel of a frame component is inserted within a channel of another frame component to lock the frame and panel components together along the length thereof.
2. (Previously Presented) The interlocking component assembly of claim 1, further comprising at least one locking tab disposed within the U-shaped channel of each of the plurality of frame components.
3. (Previously Presented) The interlocking component assembly of claim 2, further comprising at least one aperture disposed within the U-shaped channel of each of the plurality of frame components, wherein when the channel of a frame component is inserted within the channel of another frame component the at least one locking tab is received within a corresponding aperture.
4. (Currently Amended) A method of forming an interlocking ~~a plurality of~~ frame and panel ~~components~~ component assembly comprising the steps of:  
providing a plurality of integral frame and panel ~~components~~ component including a top frame and panel component, a bottom frame and panel component, and side frame and panel components; and interconnecting a plurality of assembled frame and panel ~~components~~, wherein each of the plurality of ~~frames~~ panel component include a U-shaped

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channel formed along the about an entire periphery of each of the frame and panel components, component; and

interconnecting the U-Shaped channel of each of said top frame and panel component, bottom frame and panel component, and side frame and panel components to a respective adjacent frame and panel component,

wherein during interconnection, ~~[[the]]~~ a U-shaped channel of ~~[[a]]~~ one frame and panel component is inserted within a U-shaped channel of ~~another an adjacent frame and panel component~~ to lock the frame and panel components together along the length thereof.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4, further comprising the step of engaging at least one locking tab disposed within the U-shaped channel of a frame component with at least one aperture formed within a channel of another frame component.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein each of the steps is repeated until a three-dimensional unit is formed.

7. (Original) The interlocking frame and panel component unit of claim 6, further comprising at least one sub-component disposed therein.